1940 January 1 Monday

Up at 9:15 (!) after a restless night.

Warm wet morning, with occasional showers.

Washed shirts, cleaned house, etc.

Skipped lunch, & at 2 a young man and woman interested in starting a magazine came to see me.

3 to 5:30 I spent at 7a Bldg crawling around the attic over S#1 to locate the leaks, while it was raining. I found about a dozen small ones & put pots & cans under them & marked them with chalk. Also I realize that the big corner leak must come in from the east valley. It has been a curse for 3 yrs & more — and I still don't know how & can

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be fixed.

Took a fine long shower & put on fresh clothes from head to foot, cooked a veg. + soup supper & ate slowly & quietly except for the radio & the cat purring by a log on the porch.

Student from Dufrs.

Feel very well except a little throat annoyance.

Raymond Gram Swing's review of 1939 with readings of high light events & speeches was very interesting — & illuminating.

Rained most of afternoon, with wind all evening.

1940 January 2 Tuesday

Long hard day. Drizzly weather.
Collected rents of Flat # 3, 5 & 7.
Paid interest a/c principal of 79 note:
$112.4.

Conferred with city attorney, police com.
& auditor at 11 am re police dept.
Smith wants Wermuth fired — but he failed
to take action at last meet when Walton
made his report & it was accepted by
the council — a row it's too late.

Talked with MacCarthy re Julius
Caesar prod. We don't agree as well
as I thought we would — but both of
us were very nice & generous.

Spinach soup & Muffins & coffee
& sweet potato & mince pie for dinner.

1st reading of Jc at 8 # 2 at 8.

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There were 22 present, but no one who could play Cassius or Antony.

Brutus = Hunn, Caesar = Sullivan, Portia = Conrad Bell, Calpurnia = Edith Finkel. Small parts ok as far as were gone.

Bed @ 12:30. A little frazzled but feel very well.

1940 January 3 Wednesday

Didn't hear alarm & woke at 9.
I must be tired!
Ate a good breakfast, then worked till 3
when drove to village & saw city attorney
& Rosatier.

Rehearsal of Iowa Defeat at auditorium
& worked with Leonard Palmer on showing
of lantern slides.

Pres. Roosevelt spoke his message &
Congress at 11+ this morning. As always
it was strongly delivered (too materialistic
only this time, in summation) &
glossing over some serious faults
of the administration & Congress) but
much of it was fine & just.

Mary phoned at 9 a.m. to say that

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be in transmission system.

1940 February 23 Friday

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1940 February 24 Saturday

up at 8:40, after a much better sleep than I expected after the storm of last night's long trip, heat, & food.

Lovely Eastman School program cut off after 15 minutes by wounded "cowboys." Bah & God damn.

Mary showed skid be in tomorrow afternoon.

Excellent Othello from Metropolitan. Tibbett, Martinelli & Rethberg.

Warm weather & some rain.

And the same oyster soup for dinner.

Robert Virovai concert at Kilbourn. I liked him, but not much of his program. Took Joy Thompson.

1940 February 25 Sunday

Up at 8:30. Raining hard. Shut down to see about leak in S#1. Pleased fails & returned to work breakfast & listen to Parole Story Q & Radio City Concert.

Washed dishes & cleaned house while listening to a good perf. of Pirates of Penzance.

Philharmonic not so good today, so I switched to NBC Concert which ended with Flagstad singing the Liebestod.

To village for mail & cream & milk for egg nog & cooking.

New Friends of Music gave Mozart Sinfonia for 4 hands.

Tea at Frys' & listened to odd remarks re Mrs Jeffers & Edith Sherman by Mrs. —

Very heavy rain most of day. Mary didn't come in, at all, as arranged.

Ate a late dinner of nicely cheap beef which I roasted with spices & veg. Also made a large pan of mr raisin muffins.

1970 February 26 Monday

Up at 7:30 on a beautiful morning & ate a good breakfast.

Grace phoned about 8:30, saying Carol had had expectations in yesterday. Said she had expected her, as she had come in the Sunday before.

At 11 I went to Monterey & had Sybil take photos of Brutus.

Back to Carmel & got a clean haircut, then home & scrubbed shower — a hard messy job, then scrubbed myself.

By this time it was 4:15, so I decided not to get Carmel, but cooked dinner instead. Feel very well.

Rain part of the day & high wind in evening.

Read Aeschylus' The Lion for the 2nd time & enjoyed it more than years ago.

Mozart Symph. G Minor, recorded by Toscanini & NBC orch.

1940 February 27 Tuesday

Rain, rain, rain. No damage to any of our places.

George arranged to have in town a paint & varnish shop.

R & J. reading 4 to 6. Very small attendance.

Dinner at Missin Rock — monthly meet of heads offices of 3 counties. Made a brief speech as mayor. Ordinary meal & dull entertainment.

Last half of Forum at Sunset: talk on Germany's chances of winning.

Stopped at music on way home & saw last part of Lorraine Rain.

Junk.

Paid PK&L interest — last until last one.

1940 February 28 Wednesday

Many planned that she'd not be in today, as river was rising high & bridge might go & Jim was worried.

To Bldg early & put Vaumol shelf ready for painting. Last lunch didn't show up till 11. However we got the double shop cleared out & the plaster repaired.

Craftsman's Guild com. looked over Shop # 6, studio # 4 & double gallery & granted them 10% off regular commercial prices as they'd be a fine addition to the building — & are very low in funds.

Home for lunch — & behold many entered — followed by Jim! He was very apologetic about bringing

Feb 14 [illegible]

Lee in. Said she couldn't help it, as Jim insisted on coming in & bring me some eggs. I said "I suppose Jim thinks I wanted you for fresh eggs!" Mary promised to come in tomorrow. She may, maybe. It's nearly 3 weeks, yet she agreed to come in every week.

Kit paid rent of Art Institute — ten days late.

Weather cleared before noon, & the afternoon was bright & fine. At 6 it began to rain again & was coming down in torrents by 7.

Drove to river & around Front & down to bridge. River in flood.

Feel exceptionally well.

1940 March 8 Friday

Up early & worked hard all day.
Tom worked on fill & planted ivy.
Mary came in before noon & did some dishwashing.

Tried out a Ford car & found it excellent in spite of hiccoughs. Ronnie Garneau came up as we finished & we tried again his Chevrolet which seemed less responsive.

Worked on dope for FHA loan application.
Small steak & carrots for dinner.

Reading rehearsal of 2 Irish plays at Lunt's. Irish had pre-empted the stage — his old trick — so we worked in lobby.

Fine air bath & a large cup of tea on our return home.

1940 March 9 Saturday

up at 7:30 & to work with Mary on application for FHA improvement loan. Got it without difficulty. $1000 at 5% for 3 yrs, not deducted. We got $870.

Charlie asked me if I'd come to a caucus re the P.O. site. Damn Barrett!

Marriage of Figaro from victrola. Very well sung by Ridin Sayao, Cloy Rethberg & Ezio Pinza.

Margaret & Robbie & mom.

7 candidates for council filed by noon deadline: Barrett, Gordwin, Mahoney & Cattell for 2 yr. term; Rountree, Evans & Taylor for 4 yr. Underlined should be elected.

March 9 12

To kite festival for a half hour, but it was nearly over. Too windy for best results. I was surprised to see the the parade but wasn't.

Indianman phoned in evening he wanted me to help judge boats at Monterey tomorrow at 9:30. Sorry.

W.D.C. Hymph, made Waldorf, quite clear for a change.

Canned sardines & mashed potato & carrots for dinner.

Also henry made some good cup cakes.

Tom worked most of day shoving off grass & earth from across Front Road & putting on fill this side of new wall.

1940 March 10 Sunday

Up at 7 on a showery morn. Too bad for the Monterey Sardine Festival — but a good day for Mozart. At 9 am the Perole String Q played his Q in D minor; at 10:30 Nadia Reisenberg played with Alfred Wallenstein — his symphony the piano concerto in A major K488; at 12 Robert Casadesus played, with Ny Phil Orch under Barbirolli, the Coronation concerto.

Several hard short rains during day & evening.

Worked all day on book apes & got very nervous.

No Friends of Music broadcast, but some fair Metrop Opera arias & a condensed Pagliacci — television try-out for Ny, but

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Of course we only heard here.

A stirring short sketch by Thornton Wilder on "Pursuit of Happiness" a very well handled "Pullman car."

Ate some more canned sardines — a baked spud & asparagus for dinner & feel not too good — a too well, either.

Mary Howard at noon. She'll be in Tuesday morning.

Peace in Finland? And then Russia can devote her efforts to helping Germany. Mr. Chamberlain, what a fool you have been not to throw England in on the side of Finland from the very start!

1940 March 11 Monday

Up at 6:45. Cool & clear.

Light breakfast & to work on bank statements & bills.

Dropped in on the Wrights, & ask J.W. to read in Irish plays tomorr.

To village, & tended to a lot of things.

Paid off $500 note + 7.50 interest, also $50 of Councils 2nd loan & int. 5.31 on last note. No word yet from Spiller, tho 2 of his (?) lawyers have written for information re the lots.

Arranged for fire protection for school construction, the last for by county if dept is called out.

Too much on my mind, & my digestion lays. So orange juice only for lunch.

Reading rehearsal of Workhouse Ward & Cathleen in Houlihan at Emmet.

March 11 '40

Meeting of F.T. board at F.T. at 4:30. Regularly. Frank Townsend was elected to vacancy left by Thelma Miller. I was put on com. to see a play, with By Ford & Gene Watson!! I insisted on Lita ("must have a woman on the com"!) She'll help a little. By & Gene! My Gawd! We are asking Park Commission for Fri-Sat-Sun, July 5-6-7.

Home at 5:30, cold, & made a log fire in LR & cooked a good dinner.

The cat will soon be a multi-mother.

It looks as if Finland may make peace with Russia, & this may wreck England. I'll bet Chamberlain is panicky, & wishes he had sent Finland a lot of help months ago. Peace would greatly help Hitler.

1940 March 17 Sunday

Up at 7. Fine day. Feel much better.

Washed a lot of clothes.

Mary phoned in morning. Id planned a party for her birthday (yesterday) but had to postpone it as I was not able to prepare for it.

Unmissed Rigoletto from Radio City.

Philharmonic under Barbirolli gave the Emperor Concerto with a woman pianist. She was not Schnabel. Also 1st perf. of arrangement by somebody of Mozarts Concerto Rondo — Strauss.

Alfred Wallenstein's Bach contata was (as usually so) exceedingly good.

Tibbett sang on the Ford Hour.

To Steeds of New York, toting Chuck & Joy & Edith. Dutch, as they say.

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Asked Dene for 50 cent seats & was told all sold. Offered 100 seats & declined, & then Dene said we could stand for 50 cents (+ tax). And I put on Seal Woman's Cloak for them for nothing! And was the only person to buy 3 season tickets @ 20.00 each for their season at the Golden Bough! And also they always buy 50 ¢ seats for my F.T. plays. Well, well! (But is it?)

1940 March 19 Tuesday

Worked at home all morning.

Fine weather.

Hennings came from Pg. at 2:30 & we worked on 79 roof till nearly 6, running part, till we found the leak, then replaced the asbestos shingles. Hennings is a good worker & knows his job.

Conf at City Hall re streets in Pandora Park.

Ate dinner at Reynolds Coffee Shop & then to Sloss reading (in school library, as I'd given check the stage) Read part of Hamlet & T. N.

John Eaton is leaving Carmel.

1940 March 20 Wednesday

Long, busy, annoying day.
Overcast morning but later very pleasant weather. But the people!

Patters moved in at Camilo, which is disbursed as lease begins April 1, & they had permission only to put their furniture in. Same as ~~stealing~~ $23. Took electrician down to fix floor furnace which they reported out of order. There was nothing the matter with it.

Visited at Alpine Inn.

Village full of highschool & college students in bare legs. A few are pretty but most are lousy & carked.

Dines for supper & then to city

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council at 7:45. Read zoning ordinance with amended map, discussed Paradise Park streets, etc. At close I made a motion to tell State Dept & Congressmen what we thought of sending gas & iron to Japan. Watrous voted no; Smith was late when Kellogg mentain. Only Romtree was absent. Motion carried 4 to 1. I spoke very strongly & read from Masters article.

1940 March 21 Thursday

Up early & worked like hell all day — washing clothes, business, etc.

Very fine day.

Okay Otto's remarks re Whitman were illuminating. They bore out the facts I have learned in my dealings with her. And has Armin Hansen left? He's not mentioned in her large ads this week — nor is the Carlos Sky! Is she going to move? I care not.

Many a love came in a way to Maundy Thursday dinner & left me some fresh eggs. They stopped at shop, not coming to house.

3 separate emanto in evening, more than worth a damn.

Canned fish for dinner.

1940 March 22 Friday

Good Friday. Dick complained that he heard the Good Friday spell every time he turned on his radio. I heard it only once and would be glad to hear it many times.

Fine weather. Worked at home most of the day & in village on all the interminable marketing, building affairs, etc.

Play reading abandoned at 8:10, as most of the group went to hear Bhicoo Battivala. She is a brilliant & charming lady (Parsee) & spoke fluently & forcefully. A very fine voice. She presented only the anti-British side, & in effect was a subtle propagandist for Hitler; but her main facts are doubtless sound. It was intensely interesting.

1940 March 23 Saturday

Fine weather. Up early & worked a long day.

Laid out storeroom-cottage on Lot 18, & made a good plan for interior ~~wall~~ divisions & the put in later.

Jessie & Lou were in the village. I met them accidentally.

Worked with Walt & Camelo from 4 to 6, getting painted windows open! $2.50 & my time! Pattee gave us a drink of 20 yr. old brandy. Very smooth.

Home at 6:45, just in time to get supper & listen to NBC concert under Toscanini. Schubert's 2nd Symph & large chunks of Parsifal. Music of Parsifal is very great & some of it is a bore. The reception, for me, was

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good — and it certainly made a difference!

In the morning (a rather late 11 to 3!) Met Mrs Woodcock To 8, with Hayter & Malcolm. The former was at her best.

Read The Devil's Disciple before going to bed. A delightful play, but with much of Shaw's fancies. Curiously, in this 4th reading (I've never seen the play) Burgoyne doesn't seem as good as before.

1940 March 24 Sunday

Easter.

up at 7:30, on a very fine morn,
after a restless night.

Dr. Walkins from Rock City.

1940 April 6 Saturday

Army Day. Fine weather.

Up early. Everything went wrong & I almost lost my temper.

I left home at 9:30, allowing 20 min for the drive to Camp Ord & 10 min to park. I got to the reviewing stand at 11:15! — after crawling along the highway at 0 & 10 miles an hour, so I missed the whole review. But I saw the entire maneuvers: infantry, cavalry, tanks, artillery & blimp. The tanks were very exciting, leaping ditches. All over at 12:30, half an hour before lunch. My car was in a bad place to get out of — & I reached the division officers mess at 2 o'clock, just as the afternoon was finished, & had no lunch at all. I spoke with General Sweeney a moment, then looked

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& over the countr. esp. tanks & 155 guns & then came home & started painting Shop #9 at 4. George had said we had everything needed, then found we had no varnish, dope or stainers, so I had to go back to Monterey!

I had to give up the army day dinner & Deliverate because of my play-reading, & delay George caused made me cook & bolt my dinner (after missing the fine lunch at Camp Ord) in half an hour & rush down to Sunset. And that was too much.

We read Act I of Ghosts + Act I of The Road to Rome.

The Comm's letter & the votes in Sindell was put in the mail today

1940 April 7 Sunday.

Fair day. Worked on #9 & at home, & listened to music.

Lucia from Rock City, Mozart's piano Concerto in (Coronation) by Nadia Reisenberg & Alfred Wallenstein Orchestra. Stravinsky & Philharmonic, conducting himself.

Mission Ranch barbecue lunch not so hot (the meat was cold).

Home at 4, then down again. Put shelf #9 window in car & varnished.

Late dinner, after long clothes washing.

Partial eclipse of sun about 11:15.

Feel quite well.

1940 December 18 Wednesday

Letter from Jean Bill asking humorously for a yellow wheelbarrow for Xmas.

Shop most of day. Practically no business.

Council met at 7:30. Question of H. Godwin's license & all liquor came up & I said we'd always protested these licenses - & saw no reason to make exception because one more friends of the present ruler. All agreed & we protested unanimously. (except H Godwin was absent)

Rotherham paid Art Fenstad rent early for the first time, as this leaves for Montana.

1940 December 19 Thursday

Many & Lon came in this morning. Lon hates the new pick-up. Says it's slow & uncomfotable. Mary said she liked it — but later suggested we trade cars. No. Reg &.

Gas Mary $15 & Lon not long for Xmas. Wkes down down to Camels to get the big ladder.

Mary acts very strangely. I wonder what's ailing her. She seems uneasy & displeased about something — tho what it can be I have no idea. I'm not asking anything of her & am doing everything possible for her & Lon.

Spellis lawyer sent quitclaim deeds & hoped we'd remember, so he also sent check. But he said we could use deeds anyhow. Puts us on the spot, nothing.

1940 December 20 Friday

Fine day. Warm & pleasant & rain coming.

Shop most of day.

Phila Symph at noon & Beethoven 9th under Ormandy.

Drama class at 8. Good attendance - 12 in all. Finished The Tempest & then finished Hamlet.

Small party at Barbara Ames' & went over with Dorothy.

Phoned Hudson to accept the Gulbenkian deal from Spiller with the usual proviso - a return check & say I had made other plans for Sats 12 & 1/2 14; but if they wanted to send us the check ($150 ea) again, I'd give Spiller a lot on Camel Words about equal to 12 & 1/2 14 in Oct & 4. Selah!

1940 December 21 Saturday

At shop all day. Very little business. Tarrant says worst Xmas by since he came here; says it's due to army.

It rained practically all day, warm & rather heavy.

Don Pasquale charmingly done by Metropolitan.

Toscanini all-Russian concert in early eve; not too good reception

At shop, just after I set up the large silk Am. & British flags by the fireplace, John Charles Thomas sang some English songs & Marian Evans gave stirringly the John of Gaunt speech on England & Henry V's speech to his soldiers.

Wrote a good letter to [illegible] & Aunt Ida.

No leaks of consequence now, glory be! But it's been a job!

1940 December 22 Sunday

Set the alarm for 8 but didn't get up till 8:30, which is truly Bohemian!

Ate a good breakfast & worked at desk for awhile, then to Bldg & collected garbage & turned off lights.

Phoned Bill re the wheelbarrow he wants & wished him & Jean a Merry Xmas — & talked 12 seconds over the 3 minutes & so paid 70 cents instead of .45 & almost had a row with the long distance.

Washed 3 prs of khaki pants & listened to Philharmonic.

Ate a good lunch of pork & baked beans & cottage cheese & creamy milk & Xmas cakes.

New Friends of Music played a not so good symph of Haydn. The first part of their program was lost through the screaming of the taking off of a 90,000 bomber given to England by aircraft workers. And that's the finest music night ever was.

Murphy planned a stockade & the

made later into a cottage on the former North Spillers lot.

~~Started~~ all the pots & pans, working till very late.

Lots of Xmas music, inc Messiah Alleluja and the Messiah.

Lord Halifax is to be ~~ambassador~~ to U.S. & Anthony Eden will take his place as foreign minister.

Roosevelt may change neutrality zone to permit American ships to take cargoes to Ireland. Rather neat, as Ireland is not at war!

Rain — soft & warm — began again about 6, & at 10 a high wind rose.

One day Peter Pantry had a fine day.

1940 December 23 Monday

It rained hard last night, with strong wind — a thunder & lightning this morning before light.

Shop all day.

Ayat says can probably rent Cannels (to army colonel) if Bill put in elec. refrig. I said I would.

Chamberlain spoke & the Italian people telling them to get rid of Mussolini. a fine speech, dramatic & forceful

William Allen White doesn't want us to get into war. Syndicated column in tonight's Herald says will be in by June 1.

Took Dorothy a small pine tree. She was just leaving for Camp and asked if I could go, but I had to keep shop.

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Tennant says Liz is rotten; DeBarth, says Mrs Fraser, is going to try out his line in New Mexico and will get Camel if N.M. is better; she thinks Camel will be sent if we can't keep it's indundulity & that's Godwin is crazy should 22 stores; the other tenants have send "nothing neither way"; Griffin however, has had best luck Liz since '28.

Not so well today.

Snow wind this evening

1940 December 24 Tuesday

up at 8. It's pretty wet outside, but warm. It rained hard for a while in the night. Hendy says 1¼ inch in 6 minutes. It also rained a lot today, turning cool at evening with the stars out.

Jennie says the bookkeeping did $185 yesterday — that fifth in Portland at the sales tax dead home & busy. Forgetting that the customer pays it. And even if she paid it, why be sad at the best big day the shop ever did, even before the depression?

A nice xmas card from Calgary, with just Frances written inside. Also one from Esther from Northampton.

Steele got a card from F, saying please write & she'd answer questions. As if Steele had written & got no answer.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh spoke for 15 min in broadcast for U S to send food to France

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& other confused contries & burnt starvation ect of children. Ha arguments were the best I've yet heard for that side of the question, & were simply & clearly & concisely put forth — & her voice over the radio was the most tender & appealing I have ever heard. It was extremely beautiful, & just to hear it was an emotional experience.

No word from agent re Camels, so I guess that fell through.

But plenty of Adeste Fidelis.

Shop all day — & not one single sale! That's almost a record for the day before Xmas. Reason I guess is that most people think the shop is closed after the dissolution of partnership. Even so, there are strangers in town.

Rain tonight.

1940 December 25 Wednesday

Christmas Day

Rachel Killen called up at 8 to wish me a merry Xmas & talk about the war; Louise phoned that dinner would be at 6:30, as Sally doesn't want to play before for a week; Dorothy phoned that her tree looked well & would I come down & see it.

Then no more phoned & not a soul called, for which I am grateful.

I spent most of the day giving the dining room & kitchen a thorough cleaning. It was a warm day, with practically no rain till late afternoon.

Mrs Arnold cooked an excellent 11-lb hen turkey, with a good stuffing, baked potatoes & giblet gravy, with plum pudding for dessert. I took down ½ gal of good muscatel for Mrs. A, some nuts, raisins

for dinner & some small candies for Sally. Sally looks very chic & citified & is dotted from Xmas work at White House.

At nine I went to Dr's, & found him just going to Marie's party, so I went with him. Flavia was there, dotting on his new bride, who seems to be still playing "Nora". He seemed like a character from Ibsen — only not French at all. One young man there looked amazingly like Douglas Short as I first knew him 30 yrs ago. Later I learned he was Douglas' son. Dudley himself was there — just for the party, I suppose — & recited some of Tennyson's lines!! After 30 yrs! And Edward Weston & Charis, & the Dickinsons

& Tilly in flaming red & white, & the Gilberts, the 3 young Flavins & his Reamer that was & many others.

Dorothy took the Hoyds & me home we dined at the Gilberts' as was left & Gilbert kids have flu.

Musical broadcast.

1940 December 26 Thursday

Rain last night & most of today, & lots of wind — but heavenly sweet & warm. It's 42 days since Mary stayed in.

The hard day's work yesterday, followed by Xmas dinner & the Short party — plus the lack of cars passing owing to rain — gave me a long, good sleep. I got up late, ate — good breakfast & went to shop.

Gross receipts today: 12 cents!

Dr Pabst paid his Jan. rent & closed his shop, as he leaves tomorrow for Tucson: Return uncertain.

150 unfortunate people asked the Pres to give England whatever aid necessary to beat the Axis.

Good dinner of hamburger & tomatoes & coffee & dried muffins. Feel fine.

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Jack helped me put up the 20-foot ladder & I went high to trim the fast growing ivy — cast the wind pull & stolen in gobs.

McCreery paid a nice compliment. He says that when people say to him: "What does the council mean by architectural control in Carmel?" he shows them the Carmel Bldg and its trees, vines & court & says: That's what we mean!"

1940 December 27 Friday

Stell warm & moist, with showers in afternoon & evening; rain in Monterey where I went to see Ada, Chandler & Montgomery Ward & see how Ed was.

Couldn't find Ed's place & everything else was a flop & a fizzle. But I don't love any big because there isn't any.

Warmed up the hamburger for dinner & went to 2nd show (free) at Carmel Theatre. Chief feature with Bob Burns, a thrilling navy Flying Training School short (wow!) & Ann Sheridan with Roland Young in Dulcy. Very amusing, & Young is a gem.

Letter in P.O. from Mary. Lou is sick at weather & coast place & they're going back to the Valley! Won't they

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ever learn their lesson — fix up
one place to be safe & dry & comfortable
— & then stay there? Well, I've
done my dandest, & I shan't even
mention it. They're crazy as loons
& will have to continue paying the
price in discomfort & tribulation.

Philco Symph under Ormandy at noon
— Tchaikowsky's 5th.

There's been a wonderful surf, but
I didn't know it till all over, as
can no longer see the ocean from
the house. They say it was very
high & gorgeous. Damn!

Paid 31.94 of FHA mtge loan.

1940 December 28 Saturday

Up at 8:35! – after a restless night doubtless due to so much petty excitement & weather yesterday – not to mention turnips & old hamburger for dinner!

Anyhow I feel very well today, the weather continues warm & wet, the sun rain fell till after nightfall.

Spiller called L. d. from S.F. to say he got my letter (he meant my attorney's) & helped 8'd reminder & let him have the last a half. I reminded him that 8'd extended ~~extended the~~ time limit – that for 8 months 8'd been held up in all my plans & had received no payments for 3 years & I would not remind. He asked about the Canned Words lot. I told him, but he decided not to take it. I told him

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Jones sorry for his wife he didn't
accept Detroit.

Then heard Hudson, who said
he'd sent the quotations leads to
Salinas yesterday & he needed.

And that's that.

Not one cent of sales in shop
today. And with DeBack's window
empty - his "Independents Return"
signs, & with Vanderlip's shop dark
while she recovers from her labors
while sick, the alley looks dull
in the grey wet weather. And of
course the Art Institute is closed
for the holidays.

Metropolitan Opera - La Fille du Regiment -
with Lily Pons it all doesn't seem thrilling.

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But Beethoven's Missa Solemnis played by NBC Symph Orch under Toscanini, with four fine soloists & large chorus — and good reception — was a joy from 7 to 8:30.

And had a good dinner: a very small delicately flavored broiled steak with crisp lean bacon, creamed celery, fine coffee & a tiny mince pie.

Long letter from C, in which all is well, tho flu is "raging in Chicago."

Greek sub sunk 3 Italian warships in Adriatic; RAF gave Ruhr & Frankfurt tremendous bombing; Russia & Germany living up (against each

other?) in Rumania — and tomorrow the Pres. will surely ask for very needed aid to England. Also Pétain & Weygand seem leaning away from Hitler.

Dorothy wants me to drive up to S.F. with her on New Years. I ought to go, as I have much business to do there & it would be a very pleasant trip.

1940 December 29 Sunday

Bright, fresh, clear day.

Ofeel very well, so painted all day, even during Symph broadcast which I heard while washing clothes.

Weeded out a lot of sour grass & cleaned fine needles from ivy by cement wall.

Washed dishes & cooked.

Aired 3 lines of clothing.

New Friends of Music presented their orchestra, under Fritz Stiedry, in Brahms Serenade. Very fine.

Two opera auditions today for La Dame la Mano ~~without~~ charm.

Almost ~~Symph~~ (re-broadcast of concert): Solos Spaeth Symph with Francetti (?) playing the solo violin with amazing fine — & he got 9 minutes ovation.

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The Boss spoke from 6:30 to ~7:10, on Am. defense, and to Britain, the Nazi menace, etc. As strong a straightforward a speech as he ever made, with little that could be misconstrued. And such a stand is surely vital now.

Many show are back at Rockefeller Rio to stay (for how long?). Many sent a note by Ed Barnes, with lots for me & not a line. I wrote a brief note saying all is here & sent the accumulated mail & candy & some candy back by Barnes.

1940 December 30 Monday

Clear & cool. Bay all whitecapped.

Mary & Ina came in on way to Monterey. They both look very well — and glad to be back in the valley.

Mary found Filpula was ill except for his back bothering him, & had tried to phone by phone. I suppose he'll be back to work soon. Mary also brought the 12 foot ladder from Montgomery Ward's.

Young woman came to see me re additional publicity for Carmel (for money). I told her I approved but had done far more than my share already in 32 years.

Drove around the Point to see the waves. Very clean & refreshing.

I feel particularly well.

Dec 30 '42

Package of presents from C for Mary Ann & me. Fame, mittens & sugared almonds.

Schubert's 5th Symph after dinner.

Sen. Wheeler talked for 1½ hr against our involvement in war. He makes me sick. But I believe most people are with the Pres & for helping Britain to the limit short of war.

Sir Thomas Beecham will conduct S.F. Symph in August etc Friday, & there's a great exhibit of French painting in S.F., so I must make every effort & go up Thursday.

London suffered terribly under incendiary bombing last night: Guildhall, Dr Johnson's home & 7 churches etc.

And Hitler seems going to Greece now.

1940 (for the last time)
December 31 Tuesday

Cool bright day, turning quite cold toward evening. At 11 h m it was 40° on front porch (& 60° in living room with back fire on hearth.

Borrowed $300 on personal note so I could put $75 in Lois's a/c before the first & pay 3 mos. 79 Bldg water bill & have enough for interest on Jan 2 as tenants will be slow.

Met Gloria Rollin & wished her happy new year. She replied heartily. I made some remark on how fine the weather was & how good it was to be alive. "You can say that," she answered; "Camel has been good to you." "So would any other place I might live."

Cleaned out part of garage.

Dec 31 1912

Burned a lot of rubbish & garbage
from Tabby.

Ate no lunch

afternoon in shop. No business.

Home at 5:30, took a good hot & cold
shower & cooked an excellent dinner
of yam & lamb.

Read & to bed.